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Ymateb gan Dragon Digital / Evidence from Dragon Digital

Paul Higgins – Chair **Dragon Digital**

Dragon Digital are an award winning, industry leading restoration, post production and digital delivery facility based in South Wales.

Dragon were selected as one of 6 preferred suppliers by the BFI to work on the Unlocking Film Heritage project. The programme as a whole digitised 10,000 films, some of which were undertaken at Dragon's facility in Wales.

In addition to this Dragon have provided film restoration services on classic film titles such as 'The Private Life of Henry VIII' (1933) and the award winning restoration of 'Napoleon' (1927) as well as other prestigious works.

More recently Dragon Digital have again been selected as one of the BFI's Framework suppliers for film scanning and restoration under the current project for Heritage 2022.

Paul Higgins also Chairs **Fields Park Media Partners**

Fields Park are a specialist corporate finance consultancy focused on the media sector.

Over the past 30 years it has handled some 60+ assignments and invested in and helped to form and develop a number of major media businesses.

Just by way of background and for example it has:

Helped found Optimum Releasing and funded its expansion and development into a leading UK film distributor prior to its acquisition by Studio Canal – this business is now Studio Canal UK.

Set up and invested in Target Media Group Limited – (Target Media, Organic, SuperHero Screen) now the leading media and planning agency to the entertainment sector in the UK.

Set up Edicis – a leading content group bringing together a collection of content agencies focused on the entertainment sector including OTM, White Label Production and Dragon Digital. (its clients include BFI and Studio Canal).

Invested in and helped develop Coco Television into Irelands number one independent television production company.

Invested in and helped develop BigBalls Media into a leading sports YouTube Channel with over 2million subscribers and co-producers of 'You Me and the Apocalypse' with Working Title and Sky.

Invested in many other film, TV rights and games businesses such as Cue Card Limited, Ripstone Limited and The Media Eye.

Fields Park is also an active producer of Films and TV series and from their base in South Wales they have been supporting Welsh film and TV projects including SUBMARINE, JUST JIM, LIBRARY SUICIDES, THE LIGHTHOUSE, THE CHAMBER and LAST SUMMER as well being a financier of the Cinematic Schemes and as the Beacons Short Film Initiative alongside Ffilm Cymru and the BFI.

Fields Park has a current slate of over 12 film and TV projects in various stages of development, production, and release.

Paul Higgins also serves as a member of the Welsh Government's Media Investment Board.